

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1734 – HB 1771

February 1, 2018

SUMMARY OF BILL: Redefines “new home construction” when determining the offense of theft by home improvement service providers.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 39-14-154 prohibits a home improvement services provider from failing to refund an amount paid for such services within 10 days of a written request for a refund or deviating from or disregarding plans contained in a new home construction contract or contract for home improvement services.
- The proposed legislation broadens the definition of “new home construction” to include design work, engineering work, architectural design, permitting through a governmental entity, and obtaining financing for construction by home improvement service providers.
- Statistics from the Department of Correction (DOC) show no admissions over the last 10 years for violations of Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-14-154. It is assumed that broadening the definition of “new home construction” will not significantly impact state incarceration costs.
- Any impact to the caseloads of the courts, public defenders, and district attorneys can be accommodated within their existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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